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Title: Secure System for the Issuance, Acquisition, and Redemption of Certificates in a Transaction Network

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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This is in response to the Office Action which was mailed to Applicant on 08 October 2002, for the above-identified patent application. A telephone interview was conducted with the Examiner on 06 December 2002. Applicant considers this document to be filed in a timely manner.

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Please amend the Application as follows:

In the Claims

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Please replace Claims 1, 7, 8,10, 12, 16, 21-23, 25 and 27, as amended below, with replacement Claims 1, 7, 8,10, 12, 16, 21-23, 25 and 27, as follows: